



Honolulu Youth Commission

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

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Meeting Number: 2499 337 2198 **Password:** CCYC21-10

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CALL TO ORDER - Chair Azama called the meeting to order at 6:00. A quorum was established with 14 commissioners present. Note: This 15 member Commission requires 8 members present to establish a quorum and to take official Commission action.

Commissioners Present - Bronson Azama, Ke'ala Ford, Pahonu Coleman, Keziah Christie Ancheta, Ella Matsui, Jahren Cardenas Pintor, Grace Kostecki, Daniel Pruder, Treston Lindsey, Griffin Chen, Cross Crabbe, Trinity Silbanuz, Alexis Burgain (logged on at 6:03), Michael Tong (logged on 6:24)

Commissioners Absent - Elijah Moniz

Guests - Ku'umealoha Gomes (Guest Speaker), Georgette Stevens, Andrew Malahoff (Managing Director's Office, Executive Assistant), Kevan Wong (Managing Director, Mayor Rick Blangiardi executive assistant), Seyoung Yim, Jacob Aki, Ka Leo O Nā 'Ōpio, Krishna Jayaram, Kimeona Kane (Waimanalo Neighborhood Board).

INTRODUCTIONS OF COMMISSIONERS - Those presented introduced themselves. (skipped)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY - None

GUEST SPEAKER

Ku'umealoha Gomes - 'Aelike Decision-Making Process - Ku'umealoha Gomes gave a presentation on 'Aelike Decision-Making Process and how it impacted minority communities in Hawai'i. She emphasized that the 'Aelike Decision-Making Process was to have participants of the privileged and unprivileged to make room for all voices to be heard and valued. Gomes shared the history of the 'Aelike Decision-Making Process, how to live our kuleana (Responsibility), roles in 'Aelike, decision making, and behaviors that inhibit 'Aelike.

- Presentation Link:

Questions, comments, concerns:

- Thank You: Chair Azama thanked Gomes for presenting and sharing their wisdom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Deferred for next meeting. Commissioners moved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Vice-Chair:

Election of Vice-Chairperson to serve the 2021 - 2022 period. Commissioner Pruder and Commissioner Coleman nominated themselves to run for vice-chair. The election came to a TIE (07-

07). Puder moved, and Crabbe seconded the motion to approve the amendment to have two vice-chairs in the Honolulu Youth Commission for the 2021 - 2022 term. The motion was APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (Aye: Kostecky, Pruder, Coleman, Ancheta, Ford, Matsui, Pintor, Kostecki, Lindsey, Chen, Crabbe, Silbanuz, Burgain, Tong. Nay: None, Abstain: None).

Chairperson Azama congratulated the Honolulu Youth Commission's first Vice-Chairpersons, Coleman and Pruder.

NEW BUSINESS

Creating Social Media Page & Webpage

Chairperson Azama stated that the Commission should have a social media platform for all the public to access and communicate with the Commission. Chairperson Azama opened the discussion.

1. Responsibilities: Commissioner Crabbe asked if the secretary would be responsible for the social media page and website. Chair Azama noted that the Commission is new and does not have a set structure. Azama asked Secretary Ancheta if it was okay to put the responsibility on the secretary. Secretary Ancheta accepted the responsibility, but because of the amount of work that it comes with, she requested if we could have a volunteer. Pintor moved, and Kostecky seconded the motion to approve that the secretary will be in charge of the social media platforms for the Honolulu Youth Commission.
2. Social media platforms: Kostecky asked which social media platforms would we use? Crabbe amended the commission's social media platforms to be mainly Facebook and Instagram because Instagram is under Facebook. Pintor declared it a friendly amendment.
3. Sunshine Law regulation: Vice-chairperson Coleman amended that the Commission have someone (not in the Commission) to manage and advise the social media to avoid sunshine laws. Pintor declared it a friendly amendment. Wong noted that hiring someone to manage the commission's social media platforms needs to be checked with advisors. He also pointed out that the Commission has no budget nor funding. He suggests tabling someone else to run it to discuss with the corporation council. Jayaram recommends that the Commission should have a volunteer agreement. Identify a volunteer to take up this duty to work within the community. The Youth Commissioners agree to pass the motion to identify a volunteer to help with the commission's social media platforms.

Commission Bylaws

1. Bylaws Format: Vice Chairperson Pruder asked how bylaws for commissioners and neighborhood boards are so the Commission can implement them. Wong answered that because the Commission is new and just created, the bylaws are comprehensive. Jayaram noted that it depends on the commissioner(s) that is going to make the bylaws.
2. Bylaw Committee: Vice Chairperson Coleman makes the motion, and Kostecky seconds the motion to create a bylaw committee. Have more time as a group that has experienced bylaws and have the Commission pass it. The committee can take in advice from city advisors. Jayaram noted that if the Commission creates a committee, it will be bound by sunshine laws. He suggests Chairperson Azama identify two volunteers to work together outside the sunshine structure and develop suggestions for bylaws.

3. Bylaws Volunteers: Chairperson Azama moves, and Vice-Chairman Coleman seconds the motion to identify two commissioners to take charge in creating the Honolulu Youth Commission's Bylaws.
 - a. Chair Azama asks the Commission who would like to be the two volunteers. Commissioner Pintor and Vice-Chair Coleman volunteered themselves to draft bylaws to discuss at the next meeting.

Chair Azama tables the matter of the Honolulu Youth Commission bylaws.

Questions, comments, or concerns:

- 'Aelike implementation: Commissioner Ford asked if the Commission will incorporate what Gomes presented in her presentation into the bylaws. Chair Azama answered that the *'Aelike Decision-Making* presentation in the bylaws goes forward with the two volunteers. Vice-Chair Coleman announced to the commissioners to get in touch with either of the volunteers for any suggestions on the bylaws. To answer Ford's question, he hopes to incorporate Gomes' presentation in the bylaws.
- Roles: Wong noted to have the roles as chair, vice-chair, and secretary defined and ironed out in bylaws.
- Bylaws Format: Vice-Chair Coleman asked advisors if it is okay for the Bylaws to go by neighborhood board's bylaws temporarily. Jayaram answered that the neighborhood board might be under Robbert's Rules. However, the Commission is free to follow what is executed in commissions and neighborhood boards.
- Thank you: Vice-Chair Pruder thanks volunteers Coleman and Pintor for drafting the bylaws. The bylaws draft will be presented at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:00 PM and will be facilitated virtually via WebEx.

Questions, concerns, and comments:

- Supporting bills and legislature: Vice-Chair Coleman asked, "As a commission, are we allowed to write letters of support to bills that will be going through city council?" Kevan Wong answered that as an individual, it is fine, but make sure to clearly state that you are not acting on behalf of the Commission. The commissioners may draft something to put into the agenda and, depending on timing to get in before the actual meeting (go into two months in advance). Krishna Jayaram shared a reminder to everyone that sending info one way to Vice-Chair Coleman is okay, but to be careful not to engage in a conversation of the merits, pros, cons, and other commission-related discussions. Wong said to put in any matters or bills you would like to discuss in the agenda not to violate sunshine law. Give a copy to commissioners before the meeting to get more advanced. Jayaram added that everything discussed in meetings is up for the public. Vice-Chair Coleman plans to put on the agenda to speak about Bill 38, 2021, and create a resolution for the next meeting. Wong noted that commissioners must vote on the issue on the next agenda. Commissioners do not need to prepare a resolution, only if you want to send something to those in charge of the bill.
- Neighborhood Board Roles: Kiemona Kane, from the Waimānalo neighborhood board, wanted to ask what role the commission intends to have with the Neighborhood Boards. As an example he used the Hawai'i Youth Council, HYC. They have presented their issues to the Waimānalo Neighborhood Board which helped strengthen their voice as an

organization. He shared that the commission may benefit from the role of Neighborhood Boards to strengthen their commission.

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- Commission Bylaws: Commissioner Ford asked the advisors if commissioners could volunteer to create the Bylaws to give suggestions. Jayaram answered that commissioners could go to either volunteer. He noted that the bylaws are not strictly defined.
- Sub-Committees within the Commission: Commissioner Crabbe suggested that we can talk about issues in committees for more in-depth discussions. Subcommittees can put in resolutions faster to run the meeting efficiently. Wong noted in his suggestion that it seems that there will be good discussion on the agenda many times. You won't want to go through the process of a resolution if you have not had the guidance of the Commission. Vice-Chair Pruder answered that we should wait for bylaws to be approved subject to sunshine law.
- Youth Mental Health: Commissioner Kostecki asked if the commissioner could discuss youth mental health and learn more about it from a guest speaker.
- Public announcements: Commissioner Crabbe asked the advisors if the Commission could make announcements through our social media platforms. Jayaram answered that since this is city business, the advisors advise not to. Kimeona Kane noted that the commissioners could look at matters impacting the youth with the CENSUS results so the commissioner can influence discussions.
- Social media platform volunteer: Secretary Ancheta asked whom she could contact for help and guidance on getting the volunteer. Jayaram answered that she could go to him for more support. kjayaram@honolulu.gov

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

Submitted by: Keziah Christie Ancheta, Secretary

Revised by Bronson Azama, Chairperson